

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri Pediredla Bhagavannaidu, Village Revenue Officer, Surampeta Village, Seethanagaram Mandal, Vizianagaram District – Trapped on 10-11-2008 –Sanction of Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 1079

Dated:19-11-2009

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O R D E R:

Whereas Sri Pediredla Bhagavannaidu worked as Village Revenue Officer, Surampeta Village, Seethanagaram Mandal, Vizianagaram District from 01-01-2002 to 10-11-2008 and as such he falls under the category of public servant under Section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Central Act 49 of 1988) ;

2. And whereas, it is alleged that Sri Kondabathula Manmadha Rao, S/o Late Sanyasayya, resident of Surampeta Village, Seethanagaram Mandal, Vizianagaram District. He approached the Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vizianagaram Range on 09-11-2008 at 10:00 a.m. and lodged a complaint alleging that he purchased agricultural land from Sri Pediredla Thirupathirao, Sri Majji Simhachalam, Smt Kondabathula Sannemma, Smt Medisetti Jalajakshi, Sri Kondabathula and Smt Galvilli Butchamma in Survey No.45-11, 46-10, 46-13, 46-19, 46-21, 45-13, 45-17, 52-5, 108-15, 108-16, 11-16, 19-5, 108-21, 108-22, 87-10, 108-14, 108-8, 108-13, 92-18, 92-17, of Surampeta Village to a total extent of 2.5 Acres and made an application to the Tahsildar, Seethanagaram on 29-9-08 with a request to incorporate the survey Nos of his newly purchased land in his existing Pattadar Pass Book and Title Deed. Further his mother Smt. Kondabathula Satyavathi also made an application to the Tahsildar, Seethanagaram with a request to change the name of her husband by replacing with her name in the pattadar pass book and title deed of her husband on the death of her husband. The Tahsildar received the application, put an endorsement on the application to Revenue Inspector, Village Revenue Officer and handed over the same to the Village Revenue Officer. Thereafter, Sri K.Manmadha Rao met the Village Revenue Officer, Surampeta and requested him so many times for necessary action. But the Village Revenue Officer Sri Pediredla Bhagavannaidu, Surampeta Village, Seethanagaram Mandal, Vizianagaram District did not turn up to his work and made him go

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round of him. Finally, Sri P. Bhagavannaidu demanded Sri K.Manmadha Rao an amount of Rs. 1,700/- as bribe on 6-11-2008 at

their village Surampeta for incorporating the survey Nos. of his newly purchased lands in his existing pattadar pass book and title deed and also to change the name of his father by replacing the name of his mother in the pattadar pass book and title deed of his father and asked him to bring the demanded of Rs. 1,700/- to the office of the Tahisldar, Seethanagaram on 10-11-2008. Sri K.Manmadha Rao lodged report with Inspector Anti Corruption Bureau, Vizianagaram, as he was not willing to pay the demanded bribe to the said Village Revenue Officer. After receipt of the above complaint, the Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vizianagaram Range verified the genuineness of the complaint and reputation of Sri P.Bhagavannaidu and his enquires revealed that the contents of the complaint were genuine and the reputation of Sri P.Bhagavannaidu was bad and submitted the same to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vizianagaram who registered the same as a case in Cr.No.15/RCT-ACB/VZM/2008, under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 10-11-2008 at 9:00 a.m. and investigated into.

3. And whereas, it is further alleged that during the course of trap on 10-11-2008, when Sri Kondabathula Manmadha Rao accompanied by Sri Putchala Sanarivara Prasada Rao, S/o Late Papa Rao, Sr.Assistant, Office of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Collectorate Campus, Vizianagaram, mediator-cum-accompanying witness approached Sri Pederedla Bhagavannaidu, S/o Late Gopinaidu, Surampeta Village, Seethanagaram Mandal, Vizianagaram District at the Old building of Mandal Revenue Officer's Office, Seethanagaram situated in the office premises of office of the Tahisldar, Seethanagaram with a request for incorporating the survey Nos. of lands purchased by him in his existing Pattadar Pass Book and title deeds and also to change the name of his father by replacing with the name of his mother in the Pattadar Pass book and title deeds of his father, Sri P.Bhagavannaidu further demanded the bribe of Rs. 1,700/- and accepted the tainted currency of Rs. 1,700/- with his right hand, counted it with his both hands and kept the same in his hip pocket. When chemical test was conducted on the fingers of both the hands of Sri Pederedla Bhagavannaidu, yielded positive result. The tainted currency of Rs. 1,700/- was seized from possession of Sri Pederedla Bhagavannaidu, Village Revenue Officer on his production of the same from his pants hip pocket. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, subjected the inner linings of the pant hip pocket of Sri Pederedla Bhagavannaidu, where from the tainted amount was recovered. They also yielded positive result. The relevant records were seized from the possession of Sri P.Bhagavannaidu at his instance in the presence of the mediators.

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4. And whereas, it is further alleged that the above acts of Sri Pediredla Bhagavannaidu, Village Revenue Officer, Surampeta

Village, Seethanagaram Mandal, Vizianagaram district constitute offences punishable under Sections 7 and 13 (2) read with section 13(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Act of 49 of 1988).

5. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Pediredla Bhagavannaidu, S/o late Gopinaidu, Village Revenue Officer, Surampeta Village, Seethanagaram Mandal, Vizianagaram, District from Government service after fully and carefully examining the material i.e., copies of First Information Report, Statements of Witnesses, Pre-trap and Post-trap proceedings, final report and other records of investigation etc., placed before them with regard to the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that the said Sri Pediredla Bhagavannaidu, S/o Late Gopinaidu, Village Revenue Officer, Surampet Village, Seethanagaram Mandal, Vizianagaram District should be prosecuted in competent Court of Law;

7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 19(1)(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri Pediredla Bhagavannaidu, S/o Late Gopinaidu, Village Revenue Officer, Surampet Village, Seethanagaram Mandal, Vizianagaram District under sections 7 and 13(2) read with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY::ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER